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TITLE:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA AND SNORING		

DISCUSSION AGENDA FOR TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

I. Invention (U.S. Pub. No. 2009-0014012)

1. A retractor member and an anchor member with a shaft between the retractor member and the anchor member.
2. The device is configured for transmucosal insertion into soft tissue.
3. Device must allow for fluid drainage to prevent infection.

II. U.S. Patent No. 5,961,440 to Schweich, Jr. et al.

1. Heart wall tension reduction apparatus.
2. Tension member and two anchors for drawing at least two walls of a heart chamber toward each other.
3. The device of Schweich must seal to prevent fluid leakage.

III. Possible Distinctions/Claim Amendments